

***Remarks/Arguments***

Claims 4-6 and 23-38 are presently pending in the application prior to this amendment. Claims 4-6, 22-26, 29, 32, 33, and 36 are canceled. Claims 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, and 38 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims in this application, however, Applicants have canceled claims in order to advance prosecution and to place the application in complete condition for allowance. This amendment cancels all rejected and withdrawn claims and amends objected-to claims such that they are, as appropriate, rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

Specifically, claim 27 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claims 23, 25, and 26; claim 30 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claims 23, 25, and 29; claim 34 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claims 23, 32, and 33; and claim 37 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claims 23, 32, and 36. Claims 28, 31, 35, and 38 depend from amended claims 27, 30, 34, and 37, respectively, and are therefore allowable as written, with an editorial amendment in the preambles.


Allowance of the rewritten, objected-to claims and passage to issue of this application at the earliest possible date are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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